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## To the Commissioner:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated April 3, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect, <u>with traverse</u>, Group I, claims 1-9. For a species, Applicants elect, <u>with traverse</u>, the species disclosed at page 3, line 24, to page 4, line 8 of the specification, namely: Formula I = poly(vinylburtyral-co-vinylalcohol-co-vinylacetate) with a Mw from 50,000 to 80,000, and 88% vinylbutyral groups; and Formula 2 = poly(vinylpyrrolidone-co-vinylacetate) with an average Mw of 50,000.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.